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1. On 30 December 1953, the barracks installation at Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 1,200 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.

                     About 36 troops received field training and training in map reading south of the installation, while 4 sidecar motor-cycles practiced clearing of obstacles west of the installation.

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2. On 30 December, the Train Kaserne was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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3. On 30 December, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

                     Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation                     

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4. On 30 December, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with artillery insignia. Eight groups of soldiers received field training in the Kirchwaeldchen (woods) in the training area, while other soldiers engaged in the construction of field fortifications and instruction on heavy machine guns. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation

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5. On 22 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 350 to 400 troops. Sentries seen there wore black-bordered blue epaulets including some with air force insignia.                      not                      any training and only little vehicular traffic.

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6. On 1 January, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. Between 15 and 31 December, about 50 to 150 troops were                      receiving advanced combat practice on Kirchberg (hill). On 20 December, a column of a 10-piece band, 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia left the installation toward

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Leipzig. The column later returned via Rueckmarsdorf. On 21 December, armored personnel carriers [redacted] entered the installation. On 23 December, 1 tank truck, truck [redacted] and 2 [redacted] 132-mm rocket launchers were seen en route toward the installation, coming from the direction of Leipzig. On 24 December, armored personnel carrier [redacted] and truck [redacted] occupied by 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation, coming from the direction of Bielitz. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted]

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7. Between 18 and 25 December, intensive training activities were observed in the area opposite the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau. [redacted] a second obstacle course was being prepared. Surveying continued. On 24 December, 2 armored scout cars [redacted] and 3 small personnel carriers, [redacted] were seen proceeding toward the installation, coming from a southern direction.

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